MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know the amounts of those others tenders?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: Messrs. Harrisons & Crossfield demanded Rs. 1,19,000, and the General Construction Co., Rs. 1,13,000.

MR. P. K. KUNJU (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): ഈ കമ്പനി തിരുവിതാംകൂറിൽ രജിസ്റ്റർ ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളതാണൊ?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: The General Corporation Ltd., was registered I think, early this year.

Contract for building the body of the buses.

19. ✻ **MR. K. P. KOCHUKORATHARAKAN:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the name of the person to whom the contract for the construction of the body of the buses for use in connection with the Transport Scheme has been given;

(*b*) whether the said contractor had submitted any tender for the said work, if so, the amount of the tender;

(*c*) whether tenders for lower amounts had been received, if so, whose tenders they were and the amounts of those tenders; and

(*d*) the place where the bodies are being built by the contractor, whether the material used for them are of this State; and whether the artisans employed by the contractor for constructing the bodies are of this State?

MR. M. GOVINDA PILLAI: (*a*) The contract for building 24 bodies was given to the P. W. D. Workshops and for 36 bodies to Messrs. Byramshaw & Co., as the Superintendent of the Workshops expressed his inability to finish the whole work within the time specified.

(*b*) Yes. Rs. 1600 per body.

(*c*) Yes. One tender was received for a lower amount from Messrs. The Manico Industrials, Quilon. Their estimate was Rs. 1100 per body subject to an advance by Government of 50 per cent. cash with order. This firm had no workshop but only a small shed and has had no experience of this type of work.

(*d*) At Trivandrum; wherever possible the materials used are Travancore products excepting sheet metal and glass. Apart from a few skilled men from Madras, local labour has been engaged.

Salaries and allowances of officers.

20. ✻ **MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state what percentage of the ordinary revenue of the State was spent in 1112 on account of their officers for pay or salaries and allowances including travelling allowances?

MR. K. J. CHERIYAN (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): 38·9 per cent.

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